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SUPPLY OF SATELLITE DATA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to accord clearance to degitise the topo sheets using the services of International Consultants and to permit NRSA to supply the satellite data without masking the restricted areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Andhra Pradesh State Remote Sensing Application Centre (APSRAC), Hyderabad (a state Government autonomous organization) has already been authorized to digitise topo maps of unrestricted areas, after deletion of defence related information. However, the services of international consultants or private agencies for digitisation are not permitted due to security reasons.

In regard to supply of unmasked satellite imagery/data by NRSA, the existing policy permits consideration of such proposals on case to case basis.